

# HUMAN SERVICES

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## STATUS QUO – STAYING UNINCORPORATED

Regional Programs: The majority of the King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) programs are region wide programs. These include programs or services addressing coordination of developmental disabilities services; chemical dependency programs; veterans programs; public defense; emergency supports and assistance to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault; after school activities; work training; programs for at risk youth; and housing and community development programs.

Local services that will be impacted or reduced by annexation are: Unincorporated Area Councils; senior services and adult day services; and housing services. Many housing services currently available to North Highline would continue to be available, whether they remain an unincorporated area or annex to Burien. This is because Burien and most other suburban cities participate with King County in a housing and community development “consortium” where all consortium members receive the same services. Seattle is not part of this consortium; it has its own federal funds as well as funding from a housing levy.

## POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- What services will King County continue to provide? Will the services be provided at the same level whether we annex to Seattle or Burien?
- What human services will be located in my neighborhood?
- Will there be Public Health Centers, Child Care Centers, Aging and Work Training Services in my neighborhood?
- What are the eligibility requirements for the human services programs offered?
- How are human services programs funded? Will annexation to either city increase residents’ costs?
- Will city increase the capacity of existing human service programs to meet North Highline needs immediately upon annexation? (Example: Child care voucher program.) Are there currently waiting lists for these programs?
- How does the city assess each communities needs for programs?